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## LETTER TO PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, STR/MADAM:

In response to the Office action dated July 25, 2007, please consider the following remarks and arguments set forth in this Letter To Patent And Trademark Office.

## REMARKS

No claims have been amended herein. Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 14-25 will be pending upon entry of this Letter To Patent And Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

1. Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 6-9 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. \$103(a) as being unpatentable over Robbins et al. (J. Clin. Microbiol. 1987) and Lambert (J. Applied Microbiol.) in view of D' Augustine et al. (U.S.